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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, Voting is the language of democracy and has proven to be one of the most effective tools in the ongoing battle against racism in our nation; and

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WHEREAS, In 1965, the Voting Rights Act was passed by Congress to protect every American against racial discrimination in voting; and

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WHEREAS, The Voting Rights Act was created to ensure that every person's vote is equal and that race should never shut any person out of the political process; and

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WHEREAS, The Voting Rights Act of 1965 made specific provisions to mitigate against extraordinary racial discrimination in voting rights; and

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WHEREAS, These provisions applied to certain areas of the nation for a limited period of time; these certain areas included several jurisdictions where voting irregularities took place during recent elections; and

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WHEREAS, Racial discrimination in voting thus continues to be a problem today; and

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1 WHEREAS, These provisions of the Voting Rights Act that
2 provide safeguards against racial discrimination in voting are
3 temporary and have required periodic reauthorization by
4 Congress to remain in force; therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
6 NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
7 urge Congress to amend the Voting Rights Act of 1965 to make
8 all its provisions permanent; and be it further

9 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
10 delivered to the President pro tempore of the United States
11 Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of
12 Representatives, and each member of the Illinois congressional
13 delegation.